

ENGLISH REFEREES PUZZLE YANKEES

Methods of British Boxing Officials Are Either Super-Perfect or Very Poor.

AMERICANS CAN'T WIN

Must Knock Out a Home Fighter Over There to Get the Verdict.

By CROSS COUNTER.

There may be truth in the assertion of a defender of English referees of boxing, that the officials, who are supposed to be impartial, would not knowingly give an unfair decision against American fighters, and that they should not be charged with bias even though their rulings at times seem to favor the home athletes.

That is a reasonable proposition, but what puzzles the boxing enthusiasts of the United States is that nearly every time a prize or a title is at stake the decision goes to the Briton if he is on his feet at the close of the scheduled number of rounds.

It is a matter of record that no American champion or challenger meeting a Briton yet has received the referee's decision on points in England if the bout went the limit. Americans who have won bouts in England have knocked out their opponents.

Kid Lavigne knocked out Dick Burke, Tommy Burns knocked out Gunter Moir, Jimmy Barry knocked out Walter Croft, George Dixon stopped Nunc Wallace, and Kid McCoy and Philadelphia Jack Britton knocked out nearly all their opponents in England.

Heenan Badly Treated.

Looking at the other side of the picture, we find that John C. Heenan, the first American champion to go to England to fight for a world's title, beat Tom Sayers so severely the Briton could not get out of his corner for the forty-third round.

The referee had left the ring in the thirty-eighth round, at a time when Sayers was plainly a beaten man, without giving a decision, which was a flagrant violation of the rules. The ring ropes were cut in the forty-third round and the helpless Sayers was carried to his quarters. Heenan walked to his dressing room.

Although the referee did not name the winner, English critics called the battle a draw and thought to mollify Heenan by having two championship belts made, one for Heenan and one for Sayers. Heenan was not paid for the fight, and the maker took it away from the American.

Jack Kilrain fought Jim Smith, champion of England, 106 rounds at Seine, France, on December 19, 1887. Kilrain had all the better of the encounter, but at the close of the 104th round the referee, an Englishman, halted the bout on the allegation that it was too dark. It was the understanding that the contest would be resumed the following day, but it never was, and Smith thus escaped a beating. Kilrain, during the battle, was beaten by sticks in the hands of Smith's helpers.

Slavin Chastened Too.

Frank Slavin, a native of Maitland, N. S. W., met Smith in Brussels, Belgium, December 23, 1887. It was the first of the bout with Kilrain, only that Slavin was more severely beaten by those outside the ring. Slavin had no difficulty in beating Smith, but the English referee called the bout a draw.

But here note the difference. Slavin was a native of an English-speaking country, and the English sportsmen took up the matter, saw to it that Slavin got the winner's end of the purse and also brought about the referee's decision. Slavin was a native of an English-speaking country, and the English sportsmen took up the matter, saw to it that Slavin got the winner's end of the purse and also brought about the referee's decision.

One of the first boxers under Queensberry rules to get a taste of English decisions was Dave Sullivan, who, as a bantam, boxed with Fiedler Palmer in London in 1897. Sullivan was defeated by the English referee, but the referee was so severely the Briton had to be assisted from the ring. But Palmer got the decision on "points."

Pockey McFarland boxed twenty-five rounds with Freddie Welsh in England, and although many English critics insisted the American had the better of the argument, the English referee gave the decision to Welsh. McFarland refused to make a second match with Welsh in England.

What happened to Willie Ritchie when he boxed Welsh for the title is a matter of history, and the two decisions in favor of Welsh over Moore and Lynch furnish corroborative evidence.

There are few American boxers who could with safety to their reputations go to England and take a chance with English referees. These are Jack Dempsey, Mike O'Driscoll and Benny Leonard. These title holders would be likely to knock out their British opponents before the limit was reached.

English referees may be above suspicion of catering to English boxers, but their motives may be of the best. Such being the case, there is no escape from the conclusion that the method of computing the points in a boxing contest is radically defective.

Twelve Round Limit a Record.

The statement by the writer that two rounds was the limit in the history of heavyweight championship bouts has brought forth the assertion that Sullivan frequently defended his title in four round bouts, and this is absurd on its face, for under London rules all title fights were scheduled to a finish.

Every time Sullivan or any other fighter of London rules days jeopardized his title, the contest was a finish one. Even when Sullivan finally made a match with Corbett, the first championship bout under the Queensberry rules, the contest was to a finish.

Sullivan would not have lost title even had he been knocked out in a short glove bout in those days, for the title was to a finish.

As a matter of fact, it was Sullivan's plan to "try out" prospective opponents for title fights in short bouts with gloves in hand.

Proof that titles did not change hands in short bouts is found in the glove bout between Sullivan and Joe Smith in Boston in 1890. Joe then was the title holder, and the young and powerful Sullivan had the antiquated Queensberry practically on his knees. But that did not stop Joe's title. He remained champion till a short time afterward, when he met Paddy Ryan in a title match to a finish. It took Ryan eighty-seven rounds to beat Goss.

Dempsey's System Is Old.

After an oracular critic had reflected on the salient features of the battle of Maunabo Bay, he reached the conclusion that Jack Dempsey had originated a distinctive new system of ring procedure.

On the contrary, Dempsey's system is as old as the hills. He employs the system that John L. Sullivan used, and

Champion and Challenger



Boxers who will meet in Jersey City to-morrow.

That later was adopted by Terry McGovern, Kid Lavigne, Stanley Ketchel and other robust ringsters with a disinclination to remain in the ring any longer than was absolutely necessary. Dempsey used the rushing, hard hitting tactics of the knockout brigade of the American ring, with this difference. The champion uses greater speed, more forceful blows, more brain, more boxing skill and more combativeness than any of his cyclonic predecessors. His is an old style of ring fighting, backed with superior physical powers and boxing science.

Jackson a Philosopher.

Peter Jackson unquestionably was the most dignified and least sensitive of all the prominent pugilists of the past. His reply to Sullivan's boast that he "could whip any man in the world" was simply, "I will fight any man in the world." This answer was a true index of Jackson's bearing both in and out of the ring.

His explanation of his defeat by Jeffries, at a time when the negro was out of condition, might be taken as a model by other defeated pugilists. Jackson said:

"The result of the Jeffries fight could not be helped. I can assure you I left no stone unturned endeavoring to work myself into thorough condition. I think I did, but I could not judge the distance. I was only for what I think was a lucky punch he got home in the second round. I didn't think he knew it until he was big enough to be seen a mile away, for the third round I was strong but terribly tired. He knocked me down and I took eight seconds on the floor. When I rose I was still dazed. I clinched but could not judge the distance when he broke away, and he kept swinging his left at my head. I could hardly see him, and God knows he was big enough to be seen a mile away, but I knew he was about—I felt it after. However, it is all over now and I have taken my defeat and made no excuses, although I would like to have another go at him, because I don't think he can beat me—not in the same time, anyhow. There is no use in making a lot of noise over it, so I just take my usual stand, but you will hear from me before long. Of course a lot of know-all have been spreading rumors of all kinds to the effect that I was a total wreck, but I mean to fool these people before long."

But Jackson did not fool the "know-alls" for he steadily grew worse and died shortly afterward.

WYOMAC WINS RACE.

Takes Parkway Feature From The Ranger in Straight Heat.

"Bud" Kelly, driving his chestnut gelding, Wyomac, took the feature race at the Parkway track yesterday in a straight heat. Kelly's horse, the Ranger, with Berneup, up and Hal Dired, Moie Aronson's up-State circuit pacer, in 2:11 1/2 and 2:10 1/2.

George Carden, b. s. m. Aronson..... 2 1/2
Lay Pysche, ch. m. F. Small..... 2 1/2
Time—2:11 1/2, 2:10 1/2.

1:20 TROT.
Burd Worth, b. s. F. Small..... 2 1/2
Berron, b. m. J. Gibbons..... 2 1/2
Time—2:11 1/2, 2:10 1/2.

1:20 PACE.
Wyomac, ch. g. Bud Kelly..... 2 1/2
The Ranger, b. s. F. Small..... 2 1/2
Hal Dired, b. s. m. Aronson..... 2 1/2
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EMPEY HAS FINE BILL.

Treat 'Em Roughs Play Bacharach Giants Two Games To-day.

The strongest semi-professional baseball card offered at Dryckman Oval, near Boston in 1890. Joe then was the title holder, and the young and powerful Sullivan had the antiquated Queensberry practically on his knees. But that did not stop Joe's title. He remained champion till a short time afterward, when he met Paddy Ryan in a title match to a finish. It took Ryan eighty-seven rounds to beat Goss.

The Bacharach Giants of Atlantic City, with Poles, Gatewood and Redding in their lineup, will tackle the Treat 'Em Roughs in a double header. Redding will pitch for the Jersey club. Guy Empey's outfit will have to be at its best to stop the Bacharach Giants, who have been listed among the topnotchers for years.

The Bacharach Giants include the following lineup: Bill Owens, catcher; Chappy Johnson, catcher; Ben Taylor, first base; Prince Handy, second base; John Lloyd, shortstop; Puggy Hutchinson, third base; Spotwood Fols, left fielder; George Shively, center fielder; Johnny Pugh, right fielder; Dick Redding, pitcher; Leroy Roberts, pitcher; Jess Hubbard, pitcher; Shang Johnson, pitcher.

Next Saturday at the athletic grounds at North Asbury Park the Asbury Park Fishing Club, Inc., will hold their annual casting tournament and one feature of the tournament will be casting with rods over nine feet in length, the result of the agitation of Robert H. Corson.

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BRITTON AND LEWIS READY FOR CONTEST

Champion and Challenger Fit for Hard Bout in Jersey City To-morrow Night.

YOUTH FAVORS LEWIS

Britton, Although 36 Years of Age, Still Retains Skill and Ringcraft.

By CHARLES F. MATHISON.

Although Jack Britton, present welter champion, and Kid Lewis, former holder of the title, who are to meet in a championship bout at the Armory, N. J., Jersey City, to-morrow night, have been referred to as the Damon and Pythias of pugilism, an inspection of their numerous contests in the ring fails to reveal any indications of brotherly forbearance. On the contrary, each of these clever and noted boxers has in every one of nearly a score of encounters exerted himself to the utmost in an effort to demonstrate superiority over his opponent.

Each has had the advantage in several of their bouts, Lewis notably when he took the title away from Britton at the end of a twenty round battle, and Britton when he regained his title through the medium of a knockout in the ninth round.

However, without reference to slight advantages by one or the other, each and every one of the bouts in which this great pair have been opponents has been sensational in character.

Narrow Margins in Each Bout.

In a majority of their matches the margin of superiority for the victor has been so narrow that the partisans of the loser have had no cause to be downcast. In fact, the greater number of their bouts could justly be called draws without doing injustice to either, and not till the twenty round decision received by Lewis at Dayton and the ninth round knockout scored by Britton at Canton could either point with any degree of pride to his victory.

So far as the knockout is concerned Lewis interposes the explanation that he was ill at the time and therefore unable to stand the strain of Britton's attack. Britton intimates that Lewis's illness dated from the ninth round and assures the former champion that the dose will be repeated to-morrow night.

Britton also makes exception to the judgment of the referee who gave the decision to Lewis in the bout at Dayton. Regardless of this airy periffage, each of the boxers, knowing the sterling qualities of his opponent, has trained with the greatest care. There is not a doubt the men will be in excellent physical condition when they enter the ring and the spectators will be assured of one of the best battles ever seen between the pair.

Britton Is 36 Years Old.

Britton and Lewis are two of the best matched boxers that ever entered the ring. The only difference is in the matter of age. Britton was 36 last October and Lewis was 28 in the same month, the challenger being thirteen years younger than the champion.

At 36 years of age the majority of athletes have passed the period at which they can do their best in physical combat. They may retain their strength, as was the case with Willard, but in the matter of speed, quickness of eye and judgment of distance there is a distinct falling off.

Therefore, if the battle to-morrow night hinged on the question of physical superiority Lewis should be the winner.

Unquestionably Britton has lost much of the speed that marked his ring action when he first appeared as a contender for the title, but, like the wonderful Fitzsimmons, he still retains all the ringcraft, defensive skill and effective efforts in the roped square. Britton is a master boxer, so thorough in his varied ring science that he is difficult to overcome.

Lewis also is a crack boxer and he hits with more force than Britton, as the former's knockout record attests. But the Englishman is not so clever a boxer as Britton, and in hitting he uses so much power that he generally opens to a sharp counter.

With both men in good condition the writer does not expect to see a knock-out in the event of the bout going the limit Britton should be returned the winner. The victor will get a big purse for beating Johnny Basham, welter champion of Great Britain.

JERSEY COAST TENNIS.

Andrews of Baltimore Scores in Tourney at Spring Lake.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

SPRING LAKE BEACH, N. J., July 26.—The North Jersey coast championship tennis tourney final stage today. The final may be played to-morrow and the challenge round on Monday.

In the round before the semi-final M. P. Andrews of Baltimore, who won from Joseph Howland of the Barbard Yacht Club, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

In the preceding round Howland won from Sam T. Tilden, 6-0, 6-0. W. Benedict beat Louie Rowland at F. J. Philip Vandeventer beat F. J. Echeverria, 6-0, 6-0. M. P. Andrews beat L. Vandeventer, 6-4, 8-6. Hurd beat Mulford, 2-6, 6-1, 11-9. Hurd beat Pettit, 6-3, 6-0.

GALE DAMAGES YACHTS.

Little Hope Wins Over Sloops in High Wind at Stamford.

STAMFORD, Conn., July 26.—Little Hope, Commodore Irving E. Raymond's boat, won to-day's race for Stamford Yacht Club, one design sloops. He covered the six and a half mile course in 2 hours 27 minutes. A heavy southeast wind prevailed at the start, and when the boats had covered half of the course it developed into a gale.

Peanut, owned by F. C. Noble, broke a rudder and had to anchor in the Sound. Sandy Kit carried away her mainmast and finished under her jib. Virginia also split her mainmast once and was out of the race.

ASBURY'S CASTING TOURNEY SATURDAY

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Four Swimmers Who Will Roll Up Many Points for N. Y. A. C.



LEO GIEBEL, NEW YORK A. C., NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPION AT 500 YARDS AND 10 MILES.

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JOSEPH WHEATLEY, NEW YORK A. C., FORMER HOLDER OF SEVERAL METROPOLITAN AND NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SWIMMING HISTORY READY FOR MAKING

Service Stars Return to Sport and Newcomers Offer Rivalry.

The metropolitan outdoor swimming season for men, launched a fortnight ago with a championship water carnival at Seagate, promises to be one of the most active and interesting this district yet has enjoyed.

The leading local stars, mostly absent last summer on army or navy duty, are back in the game. A number of new candidates are in the field and the district championships should be featured by keen competition. Several of the national title tests are to be held under the supervision of metropolitan clubs and this will bring to our meets the finest water men of many sections, giving the public a welcome chance to see our topnotchers pitted against their ablest rivals from other parts.

Everything indicates, too, that the home boys will take their good share of the national laurels. In Teddy Cann, Leo Giebel, Herbert Vollmer, Paul Chase, Clarence Ross, John Newson, Joseph Wheatley, Norman Buck and others New York has a fine group of swimmers, who will have to be reckoned with at all distances. Canadian yards regatta while in F. Sponberg, Rudolph Saacks, Tom Hirschfeld, George Dahm, C. Parker and H. Carnegie there are fancy and high divers warranted to take a lot of beating in their special line.

Of Giebel and Cann, in particular, great things are expected. Giebel won last year the ten mile championship and in 1918, Cann captured the 100 yard American classic in 1917 and afterward defeated in Honolulu at 220 yards the world leaders at that distance. Shortly afterward he enlisted in the navy.

As Giebel seems to be in top form already and Cann fast is picking up his sensational speed there are good reasons to believe that the two will figure prominently in the coming title fixtures.

Long distance swimming against time and mileage, always a popular feature of local outdoor activities, virtually had to be abandoned last year owing to the strict naval regulations enforced, but they experience a healthy revival this season. Some of the crack home exponents of aquatic endurance contemplate attacks on the records for well known courses, and reports from Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburg and Charleston indicate that noted swimmers of these cities may also undertake trials in nearby waters.

One of the summer's most interesting features will be the visit of three of Honolulu's famous mermen, Harold Kruger, Clarence Lane and George Cunha. They are due shortly in Philadelphia and will be seen at some of our carnivals. The coming of Kruger especially is awaited with great anticipation, for he has been sweeping everything before him in California, where he has been so convinced he will make a strong bid for any championship he goes after.

Plans are on foot for the local appearance of the army swimmer, who has recently took part at the interlateral water sports in Paris, and it is practically certain that Norman Ross, the Coast prodigy, will complete here up his return. His amazing feat in winning six events at the international gathering proclaimed him the greatest all round swimmer of the day, probably of all time. Every follower of aquatic is now anxious to see him in action.

All things considered, the budding season offers assurance of brilliant developments. Prospects never were better for splendid racing and exceptionally good performances, including tonoclastic feats.

Steamship Roosevelt for Sale.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The sale of the Bureau of Fisheries steamer Roosevelt has been decided on, owing to the high cost of repairs necessary to put the vessel in prime condition for the arduous Alaska service for which it is required.

The athletes will be given a reception, followed by a track meet.

ARMY ATHLETES TO SAIL.

Pershing's Victorious Soldier Track Team Coming Home.

The victorious soldier athlete track team which won the recent interlateral games in the Pershing Stadium near Paris will sail from France on July 30. Col. Wait Johnson, in charge of the team, called the date to A. A. U. officials today.

The athletes will be given a reception, followed by a track meet.

STATEN ISLANDERS WIN AT CRICKET

Defeat Columbia Oval Team in Association Championship Match at Livingston.

MANHATTAN HAS STREAK

Makes It Nine Straight by Defeating Longfellow at Prospect Park.

The cricket eleven of the Staten Island Cricket and Tennis Club won by 18 runs over the Columbia Oval team in the association championship match at Livingston, Staten Island, yesterday. Staten Island was first at bat and rolled up 109. J. W. Haddourne excelled in an elegant innings of 28. M. S. Hart was not out with 22 to his credit and F. A. W. Ireland added 19.

The best bowling was accomplished by F. Michaelowski of Columbia Oval, who took six wickets for 44 runs. Columbia was dismissed for the total of 81. E. Carly being top scorer with 37. F. Bray, 14, and G. Bell, 11, were the other double figures.

F. P. Kelly with three wickets for 11 runs had the best bowling average for Staten Island. Ireland and Haddourne also captured three apiece, the former's costing 26 runs and the latter's 35.

Adding the ninth victory to their long list of straight successes for the season, the members of the Manhattan Cricket Club defeated the Longfellow on totals of 79 to 25 in the Metropolitan League championship game at the Prospect Park Parade Grounds yesterday and also kept the Manhattan from losing. Batting first, the Manhattan put on 78, of which R. Comacho scored 25 and J. Langley 11.

The Longfellow were dismissed cheaply, chiefly because of the exceptional bowling of Harry Meyer, who accounted for seven wickets at a cost of seven runs. A. Govia, 10, alone got into double figures. H. Smith, captain, put on 14 runs, while the Longfellow bowlers A. Lowe took six for 20 and S. Lomas three for 18.

Dismissing Kings County for the total of 36 in the Metropolitan League game at Prospect Park, yesterday, the Brooklyn run total 159 runs, for the loss of eight wickets, thereby winning the game by a margin of 123 runs and two wickets. Four of the Brooklyn batsmen had been retired for small figures when J. L. Poyer and E. F. C. Boddington became associated and, putting on 120 runs between them, completely disassembled the Kings County batsmen.

Poyer made 75, top score of the match, whereas Boddington carried out his bat for a hard hit 48. The only Kings County batsman to do much was the Brooklyn bowling was W. Higgins, who scored 21. Harry Rushton of Brooklyn again took the bowling honors, with six wickets for 16 runs. For Kings County three for 20. E. Lord of Kings County was credited with five for 42 and J. Brook with three for 56.

ABANDON TRIP TO U. S.

British Cricketers Unable to Obtain Passports for Tour.

Owing to the inability of the State Department to furnish the needed passports in consequence of the necessity of providing for the return of the first class passengers for the returning officers of the American Expeditionary Forces the Incongruity Cricket Club of England, the members of which had agreed to go to England next spring in an effort to bring back to this country the International Cup lost in 1914 by the team sacked by Lord Wimborne.

POLOISTS ARE BUSY.

Teams Engage in Round Robins on Long Island Fields.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., July 26.—There was a great revival of polo at Meadow Brook, Rockaway and the Piping Rock Club to-day. Several of the most noted polo players from the three clubs from the various social sections of Long Island.

The Cochran field at Meadow Brook, which was presented by the Meadow Brook Club, was the scene of an interesting round robin among three teams designated as the Red, the White and the Blue. The Red team was captained by J. Watson Webb, Malcolm Stevenson and Cornelius Vanderbilt White; the Yellow, F. H. Post, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., and the Blue, A. S. Strawbridge, Jr., and the Blues, A. S. Cochran, E. W. Hopping, F. H. Prince, Jr., and Devereux Milburn.

There also were round robins on fields No. 5 and No. 6.

The International field has been reserved for the special match game next Saturday, the winners of which will in all likelihood be selected to go to England next spring in an effort to bring back to this country the International Cup lost in 1914 by the team sacked by Lord Wimborne.

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